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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Group II (claims 4-9) for examination, with traverse.

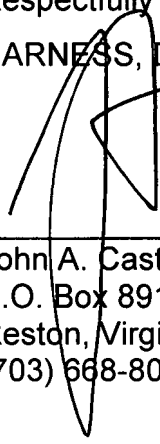
The restriction requirement is traversed because examination of Groups I-III and V-VI would not be onerous. As is well known, if search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine the application on the merits, even if the application includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. See MPEP § 803. In the present case, and as indicated in the restriction requirement, the Examiner would have to search only subclass 157.15 within class 204 in order to search and examine original claims 1-15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 25, 26, 30 and 31. Applicant respectfully submits that searching only one subclass within one

class would not present a serious burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the present restriction requirement and examine Groups I-III and V-VI on the merits.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (703) 668-8000.

Respectfully submitted,
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